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This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application.

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1. The communication filed 2/1/99 is informal/non-responsive for the reason(s) checked below and should be corrected. **APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS LETTER OR UNTIL THE EXPIRATION OF THE PERIOD FOR RESPONSE SET IN THE LAST OFFICE ACTION (WHICHEVER IS LONGER) WITHIN WHICH TO CORRECT THE INFORMALITY.**
 - a. The amendment to claim(s) _____, filed _____, fails to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.121 and is accordingly held to be non-responsive. A supplemental paper correcting the informal portions and complying with the rule is required.
 - b. The paper is unsigned. A duplicate paper or ratification, properly signed, is required.
 - c. The paper is signed by _____, who is not of record. A ratification or a new power of attorney with a ratification, or a duplicate paper signed by a person of record, is required.
 - d. The communication is presented on paper which will not provide a permanent copy. A permanent copy, or a request that a permanent copy be made by the Office at applicant's expense, is required, see M.P.E.P. 714.07.
 - e. Other **SEE ATTACHED ACTION.**
2. In accordance with applicant's request, **THE PERIOD FOR RESPONSE FROM THE OFFICE ACTION DATED _____ IS EXTENDED TO RUN _____ MONTH(S).**
No further extension will be granted unless approved by the Commissioner. 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (b)
3. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119 which papers have been made of record in the file.
4. Other

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Election

1. The reply filed on 2/1/99 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The election requirement required a species to be chosen from EACH group (for a total of 3 different species). See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).
2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to George Evanisko whose telephone number is (703) 308-2612.

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February 19, 1999

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